

AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH ECRA GROUP, INC. FOR STUDENT GROWTH MEASURE SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize a new agreement with ECRA Group, Inc. to provide student growth measure services to all schools in the District at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2. A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendor and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Contract Administrator : Janus, Ms. Rene / 773-553-3241
CPOR Number : 16-1130-CPOR-1806

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor # 80157
ECRA GROUP INC.
1475 E. WOODFIELD RD 14TH FLR
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

John Gatta
847 318-0072

For Profit - Ownership: Louis A Gatta - 54%,
John L Gatta - 46%

USER INFORMATION :

Contact:
10811 - Office of School Quality Measurement

42 W Madison Street

Chicago, IL 60602

Crosby, Mr. Ryan Allan

773-553-5062

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on January 1, 2017 and shall end December 31, 2017. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of twelve (12) months each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Student growth measures will compare students with similar characteristics to see how students grow relative to each other and to capture the impact of instruction on student outcomes. Statistical models developed for student growth will provide CPS with an unbiased estimate of instructional effectiveness based on standardized test score results. This is critical in providing fair and accurate growth ratings for use in our teacher evaluation system and SQRP.

Student growth measures will be computed at the school, grade, teacher, network, and student group levels for both the NWEA MAP and PARCC assessments. The NWEA MAP results will be used in teacher evaluation calculations, while both sets of results will be used to help CPS assess growth at schools throughout the District. Vendor will also provide consultation and professional development to CPS personnel to better understand the student growth models and how to effectively use them in an accountability system.

OUTCOMES:

Vendor's services will result in providing a necessary component of CPS's teacher evaluation system. Student growth measures are based on complex statistical formulae that CPS does not have expertise and capacity to calculate internally. Vendor will provide valuable data for use in better understanding patterns of academic growth among CPS students. Expanding investigations into a PARCC student growth measure helps CPS better evaluate how students are progressing against State-level standards. Student growth measures developed for CPS are completely customized to CPS's needs.

COMPENSATION:

Vendor shall be paid as follows:

Estimated annual costs for the one (1) year term are a total not to exceed of \$230,000.00.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

None.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Director of School Quality Measurement to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

No M/WBE goals assigned to this contract, scope of services not further divisible.

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this.

FINANCIAL:

Fund 115, Office of School Quality Measurement, Unit 10811

FY17 - \$90,000.00

FY18 - \$140,000.00

Not to exceed \$230,000.00 for the one (1) year term.

CFDA#:

Not Applicable

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:




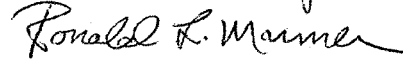
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